IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Toshihiro Omi

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EMITTING LIGHT SOURCE APPARATUS FOR USE IN OPTICAL Title:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

Examiner:

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Sir: **Assistant Commissioner for Patents**

Washington, D.C. 20231

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof, in the

following manner.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) The emitting light source apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second optical element includes a planoconvex cylindrical lens consisting of a flat surface on a side of the lens on which the parallel light from said first optical element is incident and a convex spherical surface on the other side of the lens.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by the present Amendment. If clarification of the amendment or application is desired, or if issues are present which the Examiner believes may be quickly resolved, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. NGB-12970.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Marked-up version of Amendments

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

3. (amended) The emitting light source apparatus according to claim $\underline{1}$, wherein said second optical element includes a planoconvex cylindrical lens consisting of a flat surface on an \underline{a} side of the lens on which the parallel light from said first optical element is incident and a convex spherical surface on the other side of the lens.